GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:369
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2005
EXPORT OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugar in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the production of sugar is estimated to increase during the current year;

(c) if so, the percentage increase estimated to be achieved;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to export sugar during the current year in view of the increased production;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the demand of sugar in the domestic market has increased;

(g) if so, whether there is any proposal for enhancing the buffer stocking norms for sugar;

(h) if so, the details thereof;

(i) whether the Government proposes to fix the Minimum Support Price of sugarcane on the basis of expenditure incurred on its production;

(j) if so, the details thereof; and

(k) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g),(h),
(i),(j)&(k): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (k) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.369 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22.08.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): A statement showing State-wise sugar production during the last three sugar years (October, 1 - September 30) and estimated production of sugar during current sugar year 2004-05, as reported by the State Governments and sugar mills, is at Annexure.

(b) & (c): The sugar production during the current sugar year 2004-05 is estimated at 130 lakh M.Ts as against estimated sugar production of 139.59 lakh M.Ts in the last sugar year 2003-04.

(d) & (e): Government does not undertake export of sugar. Export of sugar is undertaken by sugar factories as per their commercial prudence taking into account factors such as stock of sugar held by them, prospects of sugar production and requirement of sugar for consumption in the country, domestic and international prices of sugar and the provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy.

(f): Government estimates to release, for sale in the open market as well as through Public Distribution System (PDS), 175 lakh M.Ts of sugar in 2004-05 to meet domestic demand as against release of 173.17 lakh M.Ts in 2003-04.

(g) & (h) :While there are no buffer stocking norms for sugar, efforts are made to maintain a carry over stock equivalent to average consumption of 3 months at the beginning of any sugar year.

(i), (j) & (k): The Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane is fixed as per provisions of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 having regard to, among others, cost of production of sugarcane.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.369 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22.08.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE PRODUCTION OF SUGAR FROM 2001-2002 to 2004-2005 SUGAR SEASON (OCT.-SEPT.) (Figures in lakh tonnes)

S. No.	State	Sugar season 2001-2002	Sugar season 2002-2003 (P)	Sugar season 2003-2004 (P)	Sugar season 2004-2005 (P) (Estimated)
1.	Punjab	5.93	5.11	3.88	3.37
2.	Haryana	6.24	5.99	5.86	4.03
3.	Rajasthan	0.05	0.00	0.10	0.11
4.	Uttaranchal	4.44	4.59	3.93	3.82
5.	Uttar Pradesh	52.59	58.74	46.08	50.32
6.	Madhya Pradesh	0.71	0.85	0.94	0.85
7	Chattisgarh	-	0.01	0.17	0.30
8.	Gujarat	10.56	12.38	10.77	8.32
9.	Maharashtra	55.88	61.64	31.99	22.29
10.	Bihar	3.39	4.21	2.77	2.77
11.	Assam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Orissa	0.25	0.37	0.44	0.84
13.	West Bengal	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.05
14.	Andhra Pradesh	10.48	11.88	8.81	9.75
15.	Karnataka	15.50	17.98	11.57	13.00
16.	Tamil Nadu	18.39	17.04	11.90	9.84
17.	Pondicherry	0.39	0.32	0.20	0.19
18.	Kerala	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.00
19.	Goa	0.08	0.13	0.10	0.09
	ALL INDIA	184.98	201.32	139.59	129.94

(P) - Provisional